

IRS Call

The Scam

Numerous citizens have been targeted with IRS scams. The caller may be forceful and even insulting. One may receive a call similar to the following:

Caller: This is John Smith, a collections agent from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Our records show you have back taxes that need to be paid.

Citizen: I have paid all of my taxes and as far as I am aware, I do not owe the IRS any money.

Caller: If you do not pay the back taxes immediately, you may face fines, have drivers' privileges suspended, or even arrest.

Crime Prevention Tips

- ✓ Don't react to callers that are asking you for money.
- ✓ Never give out your social security or credit card information.
- ✓ Don't give out PIN numbers for credit/debit cards.
- ✓ Don't install software or visit internet websites a caller may instruct you to do.

Remember the IRS will not contact you by phone or email when owing back taxes. If you receive a call from a supposed IRS agent, contact your local police department or IRS for more information.

Report the incident to TIGTA (The Internal Revenue Service and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration) at 1.800.366.4484 or forward email to: phising@irs.gov.